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Counselor Steven Buckler has spent much of his thirty-plus years in the Foreign Service career as management officer. During the last fifteen years assignments included Deputy Chief of Mission in Chad where he worked closely with several major Peace Corps initiatives. In Moscow he was Deputy Director in charge of rebuilding the chancery after it had been compromised by Soviet intelligence. He also served as Management Counselor in Brazil and Management Counselor in South Africa. Most recently Counselor Buckler was the Foreign Affairs Officer in the Bureau of International Organizations. He has now risen to the rank of Minister Counselor in the Senior Foreign Service, equivalent to Major General. Born and raised in Michigan, Counselor Buckler took his BA from Dartmouth in Political Science and also did a Fellowship at MIT in Systems Analysis. His foreign languages include Danish, French and Portuguese. He is now a resident of New Hampshire. Counselor Buckler leads a 35-person team based in a Sunni majority province of central Iraq.